



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black
Colleges and Universities**

AGENCY: President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Office of Undersecretary, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Announcement of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the agenda for the September 23, 2015, meeting of the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (PBA) and provides information to members of the public on submitting written comments and on the process as to how to request time to make oral comments at the meeting. The notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of the meeting is required by §10 (a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and intended to notify the public of its opportunity to attend.

DATES: The PBA meeting will be held on September 23, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. E.D.T. at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park,

2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, D.C. 20008, in the Wilson Rooms (Mezzanine Level).

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Education, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

PBA's Statutory Authority and Function: The President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (the Board) is established by Executive Order 13532 (February 26, 2010) and subsequently continued by Executive Order 13652, which was signed by the President on September 30, 2013. The Board is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), (Pub.L 92-463; as amended, 5 U.S.C.A., Appendix 2) which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees. The purpose of the Board is to advise the

President and the Secretary of Education (Secretary) on all matters pertaining to strengthening the educational capacity of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

The Board shall advise the President and the Secretary in the following areas: (i) Improving the identity, visibility, and distinctive capabilities and overall competitiveness of HBCUs; (ii) engaging the philanthropic, business, government, military, homeland-security, and education communities in a national dialogue regarding new HBCU programs and initiatives; (iii) improving the ability of HBCUs to remain fiscally secure institutions that can assist the nation in reaching its goal of having the highest proportion of college graduates by 2020; (iv) elevating the public awareness of HBCUs; and (v) encouraging public-private investments in HBCUs.

Meeting Agenda: In addition to its review of activities prior to September 23, 2015, the meeting agenda will include Chairman William R. Harvey's report on HBCU issues and concerns; Acting Executive Director, Ivory A. Toldson will provide an update on current priorities of the White House Initiative on HBCUs to include planning strategies and initiatives beyond the 2015 HBCU Week Conference and an

update on the 2014 Report to the President on the Results of the Participation of Historically Black Colleges and Universities in Federal Programs; David Johns, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans will discuss the joint meeting requirement for the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans and the Board; and Chairman Harvey will lead a conversation regarding the re-focus of Board subcommittees.

Below is a list of agencies, invited to provide updates on fiscal year 2015 activities and outreach during the September 23, 2015 meeting:

- National Science Foundation
- U.S. Department of Transportation
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Social Security Administration

Submission of requests to make an oral comment: There are two methods the public may use to make an oral comment at the September 23, 2015 meeting.

Method One: Submit a request by e-mail to the whirsvps@ed.gov mailbox. Please do not send material directly to PBA members. Requests must be received by

September 17, 2015. Include in the subject line of the email request "Oral Comment Request: (organization name)." The e-mail must include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, of the person(s) requesting to speak, and a brief summary (not to exceed one page) of the principal points to be made during the oral presentation. All individuals submitting an advance request in accordance with this notice will be afforded an opportunity to speak for three minutes.

Method Two: Register at the meeting location on September 23, 2015, to make an oral comment during the PBA's deliberations concerning Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The requestor must provide his or her name, title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number. Individuals will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. If selected, each commenter will have an opportunity to speak for three minutes.

All oral comments made will become part of the official record of the Board. Similarly, written materials distributed during oral presentations will become part of the official record of the meeting.

Submission of written public comments: The Board invites written comments, which will be read during the Public Comment segment of the agenda. Comments must be received by September 17, 2015, in the whirsvps@ed.gov mailbox, include in the subject line "Written Comments: Public Comment". The e-mail must include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number, of the person(s) making the comment. Comments should be submitted as a Microsoft Word document or in a medium compatible with Microsoft Word (not a PDF file) that is attached to an electronic mail message (e-mail) or provided in the body of an e-mail message. Please do not send material directly to the PBA members.

Access to Records of the Meeting: The Department will post the official report of the meeting on the PBA website 90 days after the meeting. Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the public may also inspect the materials at 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, by e-mailing oswhi-hbcu@ed.gov or by calling (202) 453-5634 to schedule an appointment.

Reasonable Accommodations: The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting

(e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed in this notice at least one week before the meeting date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

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Under Secretary.

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